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**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--~~The invention relates to a~~ A method for producing an annular element ~~comprising~~ having an inner toothing, especially a sliding sleeve. An outlet ring element (10) can be arranged in an extrusion device (90) which ~~comprises~~ includes an annular matrix element (13) with an inner bore hole (12), a sleeve stamping device which is arranged therein and ~~comprises~~ has a first (15) and second (17) annular sleeve stamping ~~element~~ elements which can be moved in relation to each other in the inner bore hole (12), and an inner stamping device ~~comprising~~ having a first (19) and second (21) inner stamping ~~element~~ elements and first (27<sup>a</sup>) and second (27<sup>b</sup>) partial regions which are interspaced in the circumferential direction. When the inner stamping device is closed, ~~said~~ the partial regions form cavities (27) for producing the inner toothing. The outlet ring element (10) is arranged between the first and second inner stamping elements (19, 21) and is measured in such a way that when closing the sleeve stamping device, material from the outlet ring element (10) flows into the cavities (27) for the formation of the inner toothing. ~~The invention also relates to a device for carrying out the method.--~~